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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 8/22/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): additional claims have been added that require additional fees. After the amendment of 11/13/02 (last amendment to the claims) there were 44 total claims and 10 independent claims. There are now 54 total claims and 15 independent claims. The fees due for the additional claims is \$600.00 See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph C. Merek whose telephone number is (703) 305-0644. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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